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The week-long upsurge in Communist military action is continuing in widespread sectors of the country but it is beginning to fall off in some areas. New attacks in the northernmost provinces have consisted largely of rocket and mortar fire against both military and civilian targets. In the fighting north of Saigon, government forces have the initiative as elements of the South Vietnamese 5th and 18 divisions push northward against elements of the North Vietnamese 7th and 9th divisions. Shellings and small-scale ground probes have tapered off in the central provinces and the delta. Numerous acts of sabotage and terrorism continue to be reported throughout the country.

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New fighting may erupt north of Kontum City if a planned South Vietnamese retaliatory raid against North Vietnamese installations got under way as scheduled on May 23.